

Applicant or Patentee: Apostol Konomi

Attorney's Docket No.: 99-070-JK

Serial or Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Filed or Issued: Herewith

For: Double Sided Edge Lighting-Type Display Sign

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for the purposes of paying reduced fees under §41(a) and (b) of Title 35, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled **Double Sided Edge Lighting-Type Display Sign** described in:

☒ the specification filed herewith.

☐ application no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_

☐ patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in or to the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed or am under an obligation to under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

☒ no such person, concern or organization; or

☐ persons, concerns or organizations listed below \*

*\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention, averring their status as small status entities (37 CFR 1.27).*

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Individual

☐ Small Business Concern

☐ Nonprofit Organization

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Individual

☐ Small Business Concern

☐ Nonprofit Organization

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Individual

☐ Small Business Concern

☐ Nonprofit Organization

I acknowledge that the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying or at the time of paying the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate.(37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that the willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under §1001 of the Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

**Apostol Konomi**

Name of 1<sup>st</sup> Inventor

Name of 2<sup>nd</sup> Inventor

Name of 3<sup>rd</sup> Inventor

Signature of Inventor

Signature of Inventor

Signature of Inventor

Date

Date

Date

## DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if multiple names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

### **Double Edge Lighting-Type Display Sign**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims as well as any amendments thereto.

I acknowledge that the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application is accordance with 37 CFR §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

### **PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONS**

Number	Country	Filed (MM/DD/YY)	Priority Claimed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
--------	---------	------------------	--

Number	Country	Filed (MM/DD/YY)	Priority Claimed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
--------	---------	------------------	--

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §120 of any United States patent application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph under 35 USC §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined under 37 CFR §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national of PCT international filing date of this application.

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status (pending/patented/abandoned)
09/487,122	January 19, 2000	pending

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status (pending/patented/abandoned)
------------------------	-------------	-------------------------------------

and hereby appoint:

Gary E. Lambert, Reg. No. 35,925;  
Donald MacDonald, Reg. 42,823  
Lambert & Associates, PLLC  
92 State Street, Boston, MA 02109-2004  
Telephone: 617-742-8714, Fax: 617-227-0313

my attorney with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and trademark Office connected therewith.

Wherefore I pray Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney and this petition.

Full name of the sole or first inventor: Apostol Konomi

Inventor's Signature: [Signature]  
Residence: South Boston, Massachusetts, United States  
Citizenship: United States  
Post Office Address: 172 Dorchester Street, Apt. 1, South Boston, MA 02

Date: 03/30/2001

Full name of second joint inventor, if any:

Second Inventor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Country  
Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Country  
Post Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Inventor's Mailing Address

## LIST OF INVENTOR DUTIES

Attorney Docket No.: 99-070-JK

An applicant for patent owes a duty of candor and good faith to the United States Patent Office. This duty applies equally to any person who assisted at any time in the prosecution of the patent, including the attorney. To satisfy this obligation, all information known to be material to the patentability of any claim must be disclosed to the Patent Office. **There is no requirement to search for information that might prove adverse to your invention, however, any knowledge that you currently possess or later come into possession of, must be disclosed.** If at any time it is determined that you failed to comply, invalidation of the patent will result. Full disclosure of all relevant information prior to the issuance of the patent, although not a guarantee, does serve to bolster the presumption that your patent is valid.

An applicant for patent must also describe the best mode known to the inventor for carrying out the invention at the time that the inventor files the application. The description must be sufficient to enable one skilled in the art of the invention to make and use the same.

With the former in mind, please let me know whether the answer to any of the following questions is no so that we can bring it to the attention of the Patent Office:

Have all the contributors to each and every claim in the patent been disclosed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is the application technically correct? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Have all necessary features of the invention been described in the application? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are all limitations necessary to the invention described in the application? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is the best method for making and using the invention disclosed in the application? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the application disclose all details necessary to enable one skilled in the art to make and use the invention? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Have all important points known to the inventor been disclosed to the attorney, e.g.; sales, offers to sell the invention, public use, commercial use? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Have the most relevant references been disclosed to the attorney and have the most relevant parts been pointed out and explained where necessary? ☒ Yes ☐ No

  
Signed

03/30/2001  
Date